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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 04 June 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,7,8,11-13 and 17-21 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,5,7,8,11-13,17-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communication filed on 6/4/2008.
2. Claims 2-4,6,9-10,14-16 are cancelled. Claims 1,5,7-8,11-13,17-21 are subject to examination.
3. This amendment has been fully considered and entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,5,7-8,11-13,17-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burke et al. U.S. Patent # 6,032,162 (hereinafter Burke) in view of Edmark et al. U.S. Patent # 6,819,267 (hereinafter Edmark)

As per claim 1, Burke teaches a server for providing information to a client via a network comprising:

-a receiving module receiving, from said client (i.e. user), a providing request for the information (i.e. receiving a request from a user at the terminal), (column 5 lines 64-67)(column 6 lines 1-12) request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network (column 3 lines 10-30), wherein a user of said client (i.e. user at terminal) accesses said network from a selected location (Fig. 1 element 10 user's site/terminal) (column 5 lines 62-64) among locations (or other terminal)(column

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5 lines 39-42) **NOTE:** The reference teaches receiving a request from a user at the terminal (providing request for information from the client). Although, Burke does not explicitly states request containing a source address which corresponds to the location from which the client accesses said network but it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to be included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication.

- a URL management module extracting the source address from the providing request, retrieves URLs from the database (column 6 lines 3-12); retrieving titles (Fig. 5 element 510 "Yahoo! Finance" or "The Sunday Times") corresponding to the retrieved URLs (retrieved file has URL's in it) (column 6 lines 3-12) from the database (i.e. remote internet site), and generating a document containing the retrieved URLs and the retrieved titles (column 5 lines 13-23)(Fig. 5)(column 8 lines 14-24);

NOTE: Although Burke does not explicitly show extracting source address from the request, but it is obvious when using FTP communication, terminal establishes transparent access by the user at terminal wherein it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to be included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication. When the FTP communication is established with the terminal and system, the user designated file/bookmark file

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which includes the bookmarks/URL are downloaded based on the user's information which includes the source address

-a transmitting module transmitting the generated document (i.e. user designated file) to said client (column 6 lines 2-6), wherein said URL information is registered into the database (remote internet site) in advance of the providing request by a user of said client (column 2 lines 23-35) **NOTE:** The reference teaches transmitting the bookmark or file are to the client, the bookmark or URL are stored/registered in the remote site prior to request by the user terminal.

Burke does not explicitly teach request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and extracting the source address from the providing request and which is different depending on respective location and wherein the database stores the URLs as being related to the source address and different URLs according to each of the locations and whereby said client obtains a different document according to said selected location.

Edmark teaches request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and which is different depending on respective location (column 8 lines 51-53)(column 6 lines 15-35) wherein a user of said client accesses said network from a selected location among locations (column 6 lines 5-31) **NOTE:** The reference teaches source address as the GPS coordinates of the user (i.e. source address which corresponds to a location from which client accesses said network). In this case the GPS location is of Austin, therefore Austin bookmarks are displayed to the

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user upon request. The reference also teaches user access said network from Austin among other locations i.e. Dallas.

Edmark also teaches a URL management module extracting the source address from the providing request (i.e. GPS coordinates), retrieving URLs (i.e. Austin bookmark set) corresponding to the source address (i.e. GPS location/coordinates) from a database (column 6 lines 17-28)(column 8 lines 54-56), retrieving titles (i.e. lodging, clients, entertainment, emergencies) corresponding to the retrieved URLs (i.e. bookmark set) from the database (column 8 lines 55-67), and generating a document containing the retrieved URLs and the retrieved titles (column 5 lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5) wherein the database stores the URLs as being related to the source address and different URLs according to each of the locations (column 5 lines 5-24, lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5, lines 6-41).

Edmark also teaches a transmitting module transmitting the generated document (i.e. bookmark file) to said client (column 6 lines 16-28), wherein said URL information is registered into the database in advance of the providing request by a user of said client (column 6 lines 16-28) (column 3 lines 57-67)(column 4 lines 1-2, lines 3-16, lines 27-42) whereby said client obtains a different document (i.e. different bookmarks and actions are activated based on the city/location) according to said selected location (column 6 lines 6-31).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention was made to implement Edmark's teaching in Burke's teaching to come up with having source address which corresponds to the

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location from which client accesses said network and client obtains a different document according to said selected location. The motivation for doing so would be to present the user have personalized pertained bookmarks/URLs based on the location so that if the user is looking for particular lodging area, presenting the user with local lodging URLs/bookmarks that are local to the user's location.

As per claim 5, Burke and Edmark teaches a server according to claim 1, but Burke further teaches wherein the information is a piece of information for indicating a location where the web page is stored (column 5 lines 65-67). **NOTE:** The reference teaches transmitting an internet URL code of the remote internet system (location of where the web page is stored) where the file/bookmark addresses are stored.

As per claim 7, Burke teaches a server according to claim 1, wherein said database is stored with the files of the plurality of web pages each containing the same information expressed in different language (column 6 lines 57-67).

As per claim 8, Burke teaches a method for a server to provide information to a client via a network comprising:

- registering in advance, in a database of the server, by a user of the client, the information that includes a URL information (column 2 lines 23-35) **NOTE:** The reference teaches transmitting the bookmark or file to the client, the bookmark or URL are stored/registered in the remote site prior to request by the user terminal.

- a receiving a request, from said client (i.e. user), for providing the in advance registered information (i.e. receiving a request from a user at the

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terminal), (column 5 lines 64-67)(column 6 lines 1-12) request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network (column 3 lines 10-30), wherein a user of said client (i.e. user at terminal) accesses said network from a selected location (Fig. 1 element 10 user's site/terminal) (column 5 lines 62-64) among locations (or other terminal)(column 5 lines 39-42) **NOTE:** The reference teaches receiving a request from a user at the terminal (providing request for information from the client). Although, Burke does not explicitly states request containing a source address which corresponds to the location from which the client accesses said network but it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to be included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication.

- extracting the source address from the providing request, retrieves URLs from the database (column 6 lines 3-12); retrieving titles (Fig. 5 element 510 "Yahoo! Finance" or "The Sunday Times") corresponding to the retrieved URLs (retrieved file has URL's in it) (column 6 lines 3-12) from the database (i.e. remote internet site), and generating a document containing the retrieved URLs and the retrieved titles (column 5 lines 13-23)(Fig. 5)(column 8 lines 14-24); **NOTE:** Although Burke does not explicitly show extracting source address from the request, but it is obvious when using FTP communication, terminal establishes transparent access by the user at terminal wherein it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to be included in

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the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication. When the FTP communication is established with the terminal and system, the user designated file/bookmark file which includes the bookmarks/URL are downloaded based on the user's information

-transmitting the generated document to said client (column 6 lines 2-6) whereby said client obtains a different document according to said selected location (column 8 lines 18-34) **NOTE:** The reference teaches user receives different theme and topic for display based on the bookmark addresses/information sources

Burke does not explicitly teach request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and extracting the source address from the providing request and which is different depending on respective location and wherein the database stores different URLs according to each of the locations and whereby said client obtains a different document according to said selected location.

Edmark teaches request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and which is different depending on respective location (column 8 lines 51-53)(column 6 lines 15-35) wherein a user of said client accesses said network from a selected location among locations (column 6 lines 5-31) **NOTE:** The reference teaches source address as the GPS coordinates of the user (i.e. source address which

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corresponds to a location from which client accesses said network). In this case the GPS location is of Austin, therefore Austin bookmarks are displayed to the user upon request. The reference also teaches user access said network from Austin among other locations i.e. Dallas.

Edmark also teaches registering in advance, in a database of the server, by a user of client, the information that includes a URL information (column 3 lines 57-67)(column 4 lines 1-2, lines 3-16, lines 27-42)

Edmark also teaches extracting the source address from the providing request, retrieving URLs corresponding to the source address from a database (column 6 lines 17-28)(column 8 lines 54-56), retrieving titles (i.e. lodging, clients, entertainment, emergencies) corresponding to the retrieved URLs (i.e. bookmark set) from the database (column 8 lines 55-67), and generating a document containing the retrieved URLs and the retrieved titles (column 5 lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5) wherein the database stores different URLs according to each of the locations (column 5 lines 5-24, lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5, lines 6-41).

Edmark also teaches transmitting the generated document (i.e. bookmark file) to said client (column 6 lines 16-28) whereby said client obtains a different document (i.e. different bookmarks and actions are activated based on the city/location) according to said selected location (column 6 lines 6-31).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention was made to implement Edmark's teaching in Burke's teaching to come up with having source address which corresponds to the

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location from which client accesses said network and client obtains a different document according to said selected location. The motivation for doing so would be to present the user have personalized pertained bookmarks/URLs based on the location so that if the user is looking for particular lodging area, presenting the user with local lodging URLs/bookmarks that are local to the user's location.

As per claim 11, Burke teaches a method according to claim 8, wherein said extracting involves retrieving URLs corresponding to the piece of access site information from the database, the database storing files of a plurality of web pages with their display contents different from each other (column 8 lines 11-34).

As per claim 12, Burke teaches a system comprising:

- a client (i.e. Fig. 1 element user terminal); and

- a server for providing information to said client via a network (Fig. 1 element 15 "remote internet system")(column 2 lines 26-30), wherein a user of the client registers in advance URL information in the service (column 2 lines 26-30);

- wherein said client (i.e. user) transmits a request for providing the registered information said server (i.e. transmitting a request from a user at the terminal), the information providing request (column 5 lines 64-67)(column 6 lines 1-12) containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network (column 3 lines 10-30), wherein a user of said client (i.e. user at terminal) accesses said network from a selected location (Fig. 1 element 10 user's site/terminal) (column 5 lines 62-64) among

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locations (or other terminal)(column 5 lines 39-42) **NOTE:** The reference teaches receiving a request from a user at the terminal (providing request for information from the client). Although, Burke does not explicitly states request containing a source address which corresponds to the location from which the client accesses said network but it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication.

- said server receives the providing request, extracts the source address from the providing request, retrieves URLs from the database (column 6 lines 3-12) retrieving titles (Fig. 5 element 510 "Yahoo! Finance" or "The Sunday Times") corresponding to the retrieved URLs (retrieved file has URL's in it) (column 6 lines 3-12) from the database (i.e. remote internet site)

NOTE: Although Burke does not explicitly show extracting source address from the request, but it is obvious when using FTP communication, terminal establishes transparent access by the user at terminal wherein it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication. When the FTP communication is established with the terminal and system, the user designated file/bookmark file which includes the bookmarks/URL are downloaded based on the user's information.

-a transmits the generated document (i.e. user designated file) to said client (column 6 lines 2-6) **NOTE:** The reference teaches transmitting the bookmark or file are to the client.

Burke does not explicitly teach request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and which is different depending on respective location and extracts source address from the request and wherein the database stores the URLs as being related to the source address and different URLs according to each of the locations and whereby said client obtains a different document according to said selected location.

Edmark teaches a client (Fig. 1 element 100), a server for providing information to said client via network (column 5 lines 5-18) wherein said information providing request containing a source address which corresponds to a location from which said client accesses said network and which is different depending on respective location (column 8 lines 51-53)(column 6 lines 15-35) wherein a user of said client accesses said network from a selected location among locations (column 6 lines 5-31) **NOTE:** The reference teaches source address as the GPS coordinates of the user (i.e. source address which corresponds to a location from which client accesses said network). In this case the GPS location is of Austin, therefore Austin bookmarks are displayed to the user upon request. The reference also teaches user access said network from Austin among other locations i.e. Dallas.

Edmark also teaches wherein a user of the client registers in advance URL information into a database of the server (column 3 lines 57-67)(column 4 lines 1-2, lines 3-16, and lines 27-42)

Edmark also teaches the server receives the request, extracts the source address from the providing request (column 6 lines 15-23), retrieves URLs corresponding to the source address from a database (column 6 lines 17-28)(column 8 lines 54-56), retrieves titles (i.e. lodging, clients, entertainment, emergencies) corresponding to the retrieved URLs (i.e. bookmark set) from the database (column 8 lines 55-67), and wherein the database stores the different URLs according to each of the locations (column 5 lines 5-24, lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5, lines 6-41).

Edmark also teaches a transmits module transmitting the generated document (i.e. bookmark file) to said client (column 6 lines 16-28), whereby said client obtains a different document (i.e. different bookmarks and actions are activated based on the city/location) according to said selected location (column 6 lines 6-31).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention was made to implement Edmark's teaching in Burke's teaching to come up with having source address which corresponds to the location from which client accesses said network and client obtains a different document according to said selected location. The motivation for doing so would be to present the user have personalized pertained bookmarks/URLs based on

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the location so that if the user is looking for particular lodging area, presenting the user with local lodging URLs/bookmarks that are local to the user's location.

As per claim 13, it teaches same limitations as claim 1, therefore rejected under same basis.

As per claim 17, Burke and Edmark teaches a server for providing information to a client via a network according to claim 1, but Burke further teaches further comprising:

- a registration module for accepting and storing information entered by the client for a later access by said client (column 4 lines 40-48, lines 55-67).

As per claim 18, it teaches same limitations as claim 17, therefore rejected under same basis.

As per claim 19, it teaches same limitations as claim 17, therefore rejected under same basis.

As per claim 20, Burke and Edmark teaches a computer readable medium according to claim 13, but Burke further teaches wherein the retrieved URLs and the retrieved titles are registered into the server by a user of the client prior to the information-providing request (column 2 lines 23-30)(column 3 lines 56-67).

As per claim 21, Burke teaches a method for providing a user with client specific data, the method comprising:

- receiving from the client a request for information specific to the user and the client, the request including a network address of the client (column 5 lines 64-67)(column 6 lines 1); **NOTE:** The reference teaches receiving a request from a user at the terminal (providing request for information from the client).

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Although, Burke does not explicitly states request containing a network address which corresponds to the location from which the client accesses said network but it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request or TCP/IP and HTTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication.

-extracting the network address from the received request (column 6 lines 3-12), retrieving a uniform resource locator corresponding to the network address from a database (i.e. remote internet site) and retrieving information title (Fig. 5 element 510 "Yahoo! Finance" or "The Sunday Times") corresponding to the retrieved uniform resource locator (retrieved file has URL's in it) (column 6 lines 3-12) **NOTE:** The reference teaches using FTP communication, terminal establishes transparent access by the user at terminal wherein it is obvious that source address of the user i.e. the IP address of the user is going to included in the request, because it is known in the art that when making an FTP communication request with the system, the user's computer has to send user's IP address in order to create communication. When the FTP communication is established with the terminal and system, the user designated file/bookmark file which includes the bookmarks/URL are downloaded based on the user's information.

-producing a document comprising the retrieved information title and the uniform resource locator for the request information (column 5 lines 13-23)(Fig. 5)(column 8 lines 14-24);

-transmitting to the client the produced document (i.e. user designated file) (column 6 lines 2-6)(column 7 lines 44-55)(column 8 lines 26-34)(Fig. 5)

Burke does not explicitly teaches request containing network address and extracting the network address from the received request, retrieving a uniform resource locator corresponding to the network address from a database wherein the database stores the uniform resource locator as being related to the network address.

Edmark teaches request containing network address (column 8 lines 51-53)(column 6 lines 15-35) **NOTE:** The reference teaches network address as the GPS coordinates of the user (i.e. source address which corresponds to a location from which client accesses said network). In this case the GPS location is of Austin, therefore Austin bookmarks are displayed to the user upon request. The reference also teaches user access said network from Austin among other locations i.e. Dallas.

Edmark also teaches extracting the network address from the received request (column 6 lines 15-23), retrieving a uniform resource locator corresponding to the network address from a database (column 6 lines 17-28)(column 8 lines 54-56) wherein the database stores the uniform resource locator as being related to the network address (column 5 lines 5-24, lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5, lines 6-41).

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Edmark also teaches producing a document comprising the retrieved information title and the uniform resource locator for the request information (column 5 lines 51-67)(column 6 lines 1-5) transmitting to the client the produced document (column 6 lines 16-28).

It would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention was made to implement Edmark's teaching in Burke's teaching to come up with having request containing network address and extracting network address and retrieving URL based on network address. The motivation for doing so would be to present the user have personalized pertained bookmarks/URLs based on the location so that if the user is looking for particular lodging area, presenting the user with local lodging URLs/bookmarks that are local to the user's location.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 5,7-8, 11-13, 17-21 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

A). "System and Method for controlled access to shared-medium public and semi-public internet protocol (IP) networks" by Massarani et al. U.S. Patent 6,393,484.

5.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the applicant (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhairya A. Patel whose telephone number is 571-272-5809. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee can be reached on 571-272-3964. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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